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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN RICE SALE TO USSR

1. TRADE SOURCE INFORMED AGATTACHE OFFICE THAT USSR PURCHASED TWO CARGOES AUSTRALIAN MEDIUM GRAIN RICE THROUGH TRADEX LAST MONTH. TOTAL VOLUME DEPENDED ON CHARTER VESSEL AVAILABILITY, AND AS FINAL SECOND CHARTER COMPLETED FEB. 27 DETAILS ON TOTAL VOUME NOW AVAILABLE. FIRST CHARTER ABOUT 14,300 METRIC TONS, AND SECOND ABOUT 14,000 TONS WITH PLUS OR MINUS 5 PERCENT OPTION. RICE IS TO BE SHIPPED DURING MARCH FOR BLACK SEA PORTS, ALL BAGGED.

2. SPOKESMAN INDICATED MORE COULD HAVE BEEN SOLD, BUT RICEGROWERS CO-OP. NOT MAKING ANY FURTHER SALES AT PRESENT PENDING BETTER INDICATIONS OF 1976 CROP SIZE. AS A NEAR RECORD CROP IN PROSPECT, ADDITIONAL SALES SEEM LIKELY AND MAY EVENTUATE IN MAY OR JUNE. HARGROVE

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